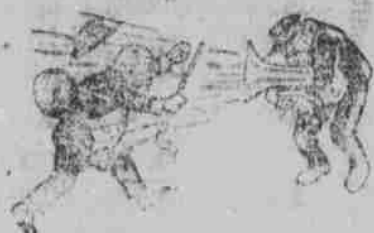




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## YANKS' ARRIVAL IS YEARS' BIG EVENT

By J. W. T. MASON  
(United Press War Expert—Copyright, 1918, by United Press.)  
New York, July 26.—The arrival of America's first million troops in France, ensuring the final defeat of German militarism has been the most important event of the fourth year of the war.

The turning point in modern civilization will probably be dated by future historians from the year of strife now closing, because of America's resolve to consent to no peace until the Hohenzollern menace to the world is crushed. Despite the fact that American troops have played only a minor part in the year's fighting, the United States has predominantly influenced the strategy of the fourth year of the war. The outstanding battlefield facts of the year have been von Hindenburg's madened efforts to break the British and French fronts and General Foch's counter-policy of patient defense.

Hindenburg's Motive.  
It was fear of America's fast accumulating military strength that compelled von Hindenburg to engage

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in his campaign of ruthlessly sacrificing his own troops; and it was the knowledge of the overwhelming reinforcements America was sending to the Allies that permitted General Foch to see his lines driven back, without loss of morale to the allied forces. Every major plan worked out in Berlin as well as in the capitals of the allies this year, has similarly been based fundamentally upon America's forthcoming major activities in the war.

The American success during the year in Picardy and in the Chateau Thierry sector, have been minor affairs, regarded as isolated engagements. But, all the victories of von Hindenburg in Flanders, Picardy and Champagne do not compare in their ultimate consequences with the American operations at Cantigny, Belleau Wood and Vaux.

Prussian Threats.  
Starting the fourth year of the war with arrogant threats to the allies of new changes in the map of Europe unless the successes of the German armies were accepted as decisive, the German government has ended the year by confessing that battlefield victories cannot bring peace. Foreign Minister von Kuhlmann's pronouncement to this effect in the Reichstag ranks second only to America's immediate after his repudiation of the invincibility of the German army is indicative of the sobering effect

the presence of a million American troops in France is having on von Hindenburg.

It is apparent that as the fifth year of warfare begins, the German leaders are taking an increasingly grave view of the situation facing them. They dare not promise a decisive victory to the Kaiser's deluded subjects any longer. The people of Germany are being prepared, in fact, for the assumption of a permanently defensive role by von Hindenburg. This, although the fourth year of conflict has seen von Hindenburg display an unprecedented degree of power in offensive warfare, nevertheless, the year ends with an admission by the German government that by these means peace cannot be won. In that fact is the certainty of ultimate victory for democracy.

### Dual Monarchy See This.

Affairs in Austro-Hungary during the past year have been highly unsatisfactory to the Germans. The people of the dual monarchy have shown no gratitude for the German assistance which permitted the Austro-Hungarians to recover their lost territory in the Isonzo area and to drive the Italians back to the Piave. Since the victory of the Central Powers in Italy.

Austro-Hungary has become increasingly reluctant to continue the war. Rioting has occurred sporadically in Vienna and many other cities, but as yet, nothing suggesting a direct revolutionary success has occurred.

The Austro-Hungarians unquestionably have become the most war weary of all the peoples in the conflict during the past year. Hunger has pinched them with special severity, largely because of their lack

of capacity for organization. Fearful of a collapse in the Hapsburg Empire, the German government has appeased the hunger rioters by sending them food from Germany's own scanty store. This measure, however, can only be temporary. When Germany no longer is able to send grain to Vienna, there will come an intensification of the strain that may compel Austro-Hungary to drop out of the war.

### Russia's Flight.

Russia's flight during the fourth year of the war has struck a middle course between the two usual channels of revolution. There has been no such series of excesses that marked the reign of terror during the French Revolution, nor have events followed the orderly precedent of the English revolution. Violence has prevailed among the Russians, but their principal handicap has not been a tendency toward crime. It has been a "waive faith in formulas coupled with a childlike lack of education. Nevertheless, the revolution, however faulty, gives fairer hope for the future of Russia than a continuation of the reign of the mentally incompetent Romanoffs.

Since the separate peace with the Central Powers was signed by the Bolsheviks, suggestions have been made for a policy of revenge toward Russia on the part of the allies. Wiser advice, however, has prevailed. No scheme of intervention in Russia has been proposed that has seemed feasible and without danger to the cause of democracy.

### Russian Sacrifices.

If democracy's ideals are sound, the Germans cannot crush them in Russia. The Russians are accepting terrible sacrifices rather than permit a Germanized organization to restore normal conditions of living. The old democracies of the west should remember the crudities of their own revolutionary epochs, and should be patient with Russia. Not otherwise can freedom dominate the world.

## REPORT IS GOOD FOR 1ST WEEK

Labor Office Fills Many Positions Covering Numerous Occupations from Farm Hand to Bank Teller.

That the Federal-State Employment Service office here is making progress is shown by the report of Chas. E. Day, examiner in charge for the first week the office has been in operation. The report shows that no less than 33 people have been placed by the service here.

The class of positions filled by the local office indicates that the service is due to operate on a broader scale than simply the securing of farm labor. Up to date positions have been filled from a farm hand to a stenographer. This list includes waiters, auto mechanics, stenographers, bookkeepers and branches of skilled labor.

Also, in the short week that the office has been operating, the employer is learning to go to the federal-state service for help. The morning mail today, plus telephone calls brought orders for auto mechanics, an experienced bookkeeper, a paying teller, a house keeper, waitresses, a glazier and a "handy man" for work with a small family.

On the other side of the sheet was listed among the applications for jobs, a bookkeeper, several stenographers and a number of boys who desire to secure employment at anything from running a bank to a cultivator, until school opens in the fall.

"It seems we have been a little slow here in getting started," said Mr. Day this morning. "The number of people we have placed is small in comparison with the work there is to do here in that line, but we have been so busy getting the loose ends gathered up that we have not had much time for anything else. We are getting in shape nicely now, however, and the employer, as well as the position seeker is learning to come to us for assistance."



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## DEALERS IN COAL MUST REPORT OR CUT SUPPLY OFF

Ada, Okla., July 25.—Retail coal dealers of Oklahoma, who fail to make out weekly reports, as required by the State Fuel Administration, in connection with the United States Fuel Administration, are in danger of having their coal supply cut off. Several coal dealers in the New England states have been put out of business on account of not making these reports. United States Fuel Administrator, H. A. Garfield, instructed the state fuel administrators to request the railroad agents to reassign all coal billed to dealers failing to make reports.

In his letter Mr. Garfield said: "It is extremely important that we impress all these dealers with the importance of mailing report cards promptly each week and there is no more forcible way of bringing this home than by stopping their shipments when they fail to do their part."



## HOLD SERVICES OVER BODY OF OKLA. PIONEER

The funeral services of W. W. Chatham, who died at his home in this city yesterday afternoon at four o'clock were conducted today at 10 a. m. at the Holcomb cemetery, Rev. H. P. Haley officiating.

Mr. Chatham was a pioneer of Oklahoma having moved here thirty years ago on a desisted in the old Indian Territory. Most of this time he has lived in Chickasha and Grady county. He was a member of the Baptist church at Grady, Mo., his old home, before coming to this state. Besides his wife, the deceased leaves a mother and father, three brothers and six sisters, all of Mo.

souri. One brother, J. F. Chatham of Grady, was here to attend funeral.



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